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Huntington, W.Va. prepares for ‘Frankenstorm’

By MARCUS CONSTANTINO
THE PARTHENON

As Hurricane Sandy takes aim on the East Coast, local authorities are using lessons from the summer to avoid another statewide disaster.

“We are prepared,” said West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin. “We have notice this time, not like the summer storm, which hit very quickly.”

Forecasters describe the storm as a rare, hybrid storm, or “superstorm” because Hurricane Sandy will collide with an Arctic jet stream. This will bring potentially heavy snow in addition to rain and gusty winds.

Spencer Adkins, chief meteorologist for

WOWK-13 News, said Huntington should barely dodge the snow element of the storm, but may experience wind gusts around 30 to 35 m.p.h.

“In terms of any snow, it looks like most of it occurs literally just south of town,” Adkins said. “We may have some snowflakes, but the ground is still really warm and you got to remember the air temperature during the daytime is going to be well above freezing, so if we see anything that sticks, it has to either happen Monday night or Tuesday night ... It’s certainly not going to accumulate to anything, and the official forecasts don’t even call for accumulation in Huntington.”

Many of the mountainous counties of eastern

and southern West Virginia are under winter storm warnings and blizzard warnings. Up to three feet of snow is forecasted for Snowshoe, W.Va. in Pocahontas County, while higher elevations in Raleigh and Mercer counties could see eight to 10 inches of snow, Adkins said.

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A car hits a puddle while driving down Fifth Avenue near Marshall University on Sunday. West Virginia is expected to receive severe weather due to the “superstorm” created by Hurricane Sandy colliding with an Arctic jet stream.

MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON



Millions brace for Hurricane Sandy

By RICHARD SIMON
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Hurricane Sandy continued on a path toward the mid-Atlantic coastline Sunday, as millions of people braced for high winds, torrential rains, heavy flooding, power blackouts and other miseries.

The hurricane, off the North Carolina coast Sunday morning, was expected to roar ashore, perhaps on the New Jersey coastline, on Monday night or early Tuesday. But winds of up to 60 mph were expected to begin battering much of the Eastern Seaboard on Monday.

Federal officials warned of predicted high storm surges that already have prompted evacuation orders in scores of coastal communities in New Jersey, New York, Delaware and other states.

“We’ve been talking about Sandy for a couple of days, but the time for preparing and talking is about over,” Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Craig Fugate said in a conference call Sunday, urging coastal residents to heed evacuation orders. The storm, he said, is expected to produce a “very high potentially life-threatening” surge.

Tom Kines, a meteorologist with AccuWeather, said he hasn’t seen anything like Sandy in his nearly 30 years on the job. “As far as the amount of damage that she will likely do, this is a once in a lifetime storm,” he said.

Strong winds will be felt hundreds of miles away from the center of the hurricane, he said.

The storm is expected to dump 4 to 8 inches of rain, though 12 inches could fall in some communities. Storm surge and high tides could reach 6 to 11 feet in some areas. Two feet or more of snow could fall in West Virginia.

In Virginia, Jeff Caldwell, a spokesman for Gov. Bob McDonnell, said officials are bracing for strong winds and heavy rain in the eastern half of the state and possibly snow along the western border.

“With the potential for high winds and flooding, we are prepared to close the Hampton Roads tunnels, which will shut down the interstates in that region,” he told the Los Angeles Times. “All in all, Virginia remains under a state of emergency and is preparing for a difficult couple of days, and we are advising citizens to be vigilant in their own preparations.”

With millions of residents expected to lose power in the mid-Atlantic, and possibly farther north, utility companies rushed in reinforcement crews from as far away as New Mexico. Officials predicted that power could be out for a week or more in communities.

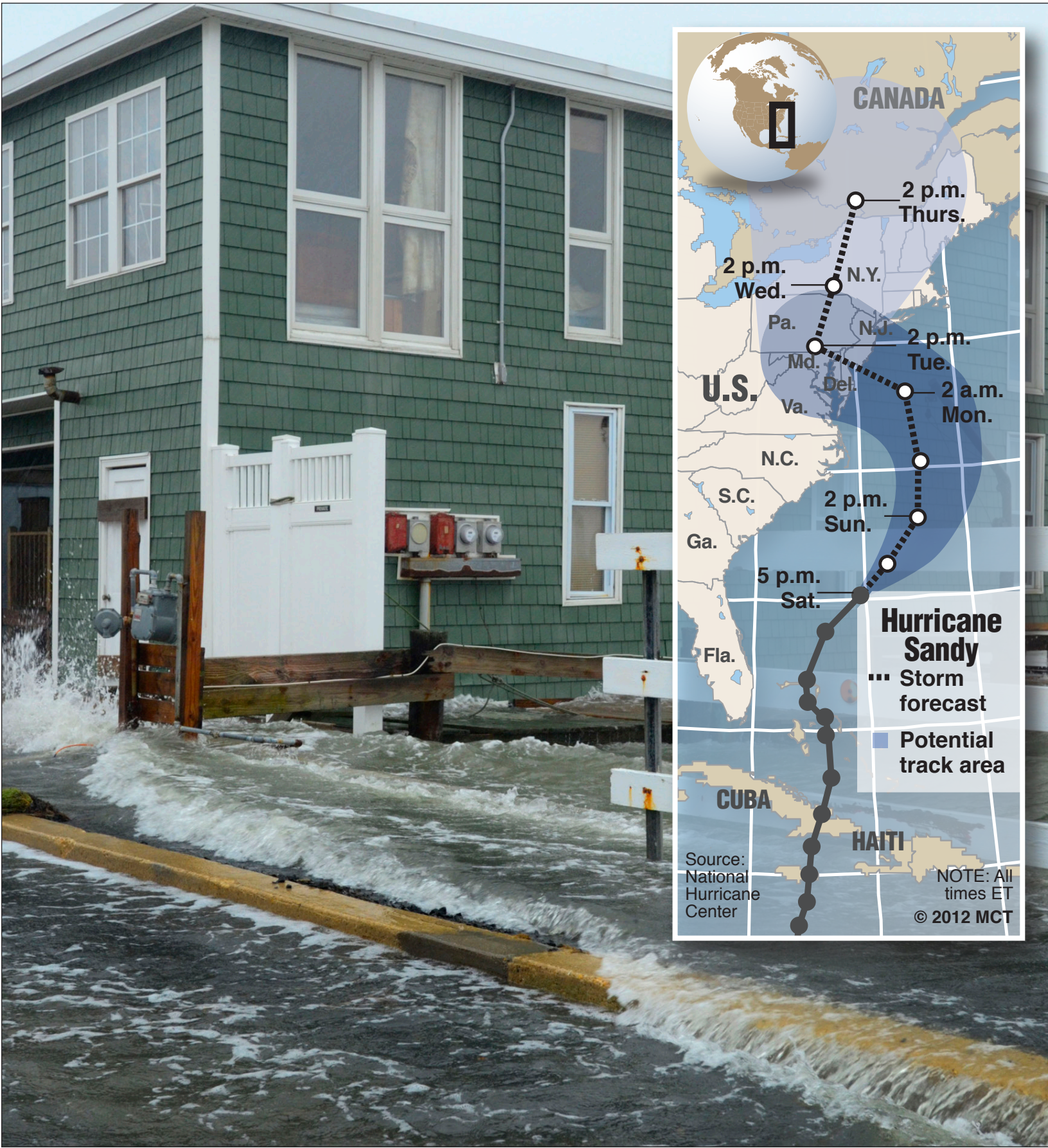
The White House announced that President Barack Obama would fly back to Washington on Monday after a campaign event in Ohio, to monitor preparations for and response to the storm.

The storm already was affecting travel across the country. Thousands of flights have been cancelled.

“The weather is already going downhill in the mid-Atlantic states,” National Hurricane Center Director Rick Knabb said in the conference call.

“We have tropical storm conditions through Cape Hatteras and now into southern Virginia,” said Todd Kimberlain, a forecaster at the National Hurricane Center. “Those are going to start spreading up the coast into the remainder of the coastal Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay and then into the mid-Atlantic region,” probably by Sunday afternoon.

“The winds are spread out over a huge area,” Kimberlain said. “Even though the center may come ashore in New Jersey, the strong winds are going to extend all the way up into Boston.”



KARL MERTON FERRON/BALTIMORE SUN | MCT

The storm surge pours onto Edgewater Avenue at Eighth Street in Ocean City, Maryland, as Hurricane Sandy nears, Sunday.

Obama adviser says Hurricane Sandy could hurt campaign

By CHRISTI PARSONS
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

WASHINGTON — A top campaign adviser to President Barack Obama said Sunday that Hurricane Sandy could hurt efforts to turn out voters and potentially have an adverse effect on his bid for reelection.

The Obama campaign wants “unfettered access to the polls,” adviser David Axelrod said on CNN, “because we believe that the more people come out, the better we’re going to do.”

But the 2008 Republican nominee said he thinks the storm could help Obama because it will showcase him in command of an emergency in the final days before the election.

The American people will look to the president as the commander in chief, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said on CBS. Voters are likely to see him conducting himself “in fine fashion,” McCain said, and “that might help him a little bit.”

Republicans and Democrats both were unusually focused

on the weather during political conversations Sunday, as the end-of-campaign surprise turns out to be not an attack or scandal but rather on the hurricane.

Republican Mitt Romney canceled events in Virginia over the weekend, with aides saying he did not want to distract state and local officials from their preparations for the storm’s landfall Monday or Tuesday.

Obama is canceled trips to to northern Virginia on Monday and Colorado Springs on Tuesday. Both

areas are critical to the president’s strategy this final week of the campaign.

A key piece of the Obama plan is the operation the campaign has been building for two years to find sporadic voters, win them over to the president and turn them out at the polls during early voting and on election day.

Nowhere is this more critical than in Ohio, one of two spots where the president still plans to campaign Monday. The other state still on the schedule is Florida.

Romney, used to role as fixer, might find different challenge as president

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

WASHINGTON — To his supporters, Mitt Romney exudes cool fire.

The rigid jaw, the focused eyes, the straight shoulders and the perfect hair all project the image of a man who seems born with confidence — a fixer:

Romney looks presidential, and in the White House, the Republican nominee promises to be a leader who would calmly analyze the economy, devise remedies, check the numbers on a balance sheet and work from there.

To critics, though, the Romney way is too much a caricature, too scripted and sculpted, as though he never owned a dirty T-shirt or even saw one in his house. He would find fixing things as president presents a very different challenge from running a company — he must be nimble enough to change a style or a position, sometimes dramatically, always in the public eye. That could mean alienating conservatives and fueling the criticism in other circles that Romney has no political core.

And yet throughout his life, Romney, 65, has viewed politics as a means to carry out a deeply felt mission to make the world better; a duty instilled in him by his parents and his church. Thanks to his analytical skills and a gilded support network that made his success a virtual birthright, he's had a steady climb toward the summit he seeks.

Romney's personality, which Massachusetts residents liked when they elected him governor in 2002, has its roots in a family of American privilege, where no one rolled their eyes if a child mused about being president. Romney has long tried to emulate the plainspoken, politically moderate father he adored, former auto executive and Michigan Gov. George Romney.

Guided by strong Mormon values, Mitt Romney followed the family maxim that good



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politics could go hand in hand with good works.

"I met early presidents," he once told McClatchy Newspapers, recalling the night when, as a teenager, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower came to dinner and recalled World War II campaigns — and problems he had with misconduct by his own troops.

Romney saw that leaders like Eisenhower "were not supermen who could leap tall buildings in a single bound."

They were ordinary people, Romney learned, who developed special skills for dealing with others. "The president has an IQ of that of above-average Americans, but not genius level," Romney said. "They have skills developed from life experience, which prepares them to lead and accomplish."

Over the years, Romney executed time after time: He fixed the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. He fixed Massachusetts' health care system. He fixed companies as a business executive.

He came under fire after Bain Capital aided another firm in buying an Indiana office supply plant 18 years ago, when Romney was on leave, running for the U.S. Senate. The new owners required employees to reapply for their jobs, usually with lower pay. The workforce was cut about 25 percent, and shortly thereafter the plant closed, when Romney was back at Bain.

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PHOTOS BY JOSHUA PRINCE | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Greek community gathered at the Guyandotte Boys and Girls Club on Friday to participate in Trunk-R-Treat. The event allowed Huntington's youth to go vehicle to vehicle and collect candy in celebration of Halloween.

Greeks sponsor Trunk-R-Treat

By JOSHUA PRINCE
THE PARTHENON

The Greek community at Marshall University came together Friday evening at the Guyandotte Boys and Girls Club in Huntington.

Each fraternity and sorority decorated the trunks of their vehicles in Halloween decorations. The children of the three Huntington area Boys and Girls Clubs came together at the Guyandotte location to go vehicle to vehicle collecting candy. The Trunk-R-Treat is part of a three-year commitment for community-wide philanthropy with the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington.

Greeks also dressed up costumes while passing out candy to the "Trunk-R-Treaters."

Paige Dodrill, Alpha Xi Delta Sorority sister, was ecstatic to see her sorority with not only one vehicle but with a couple of vehicles

representing her sorority.

"We work a lot with the Boys and Girls Club and we wanted to provide a safe environment for the kids," Dodrill said. "Especially for the children who are older and this year is there last year trick-or-treating. We really want to make it memorable."

The Boys and Girls Club of Guyandotte, Director of Operations, Mike Patick, said that the Boys and Girls Club appreciates the Greek system coming together for the children during this event.

"Some of these kids do not live in the best neighborhoods for trick-or-treating," Patick said. "This may be the only opportunity for the kids to trick or treat this year. We would not have been able to do this on our own without the Greeks."

Greek advisor, Lee Tabor, said the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life would like to

personally thank all of the chapters and individuals who made the first Boys and Girls Club Trunk-R-Treat a success.

"It's amazing the level of the impact fraternity and sorority life has on the Huntington and Marshall communities and this is another perfect example of the caring and devotion these individuals have on others," Tabor said. "These men and women do amazing selfless things every day of the year that tend to go unnoticed, though that doesn't stop them."

The Greek community participated in the back to school drive with the Boys and Girls Club in September. They collected 6,983 supplies for Huntington area school children. Greeks are also participating in a winter coat drive in November and a toy drive in December.

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Obama's go-it-alone nature has had an impact on his agenda



MARK RANDALL/SUN SENTINEL | MCT DIRECT

President Barack Obama greets supporters at a campaign event in Delray Beach, Fla., Tuesday at the the Delray Beach Tennis Center.

By ANITA KUMAR and LESLEY CLARK
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama hits the exit early at glitzy fundraisers with rock stars. He makes only brief small talk in a roomful of supporters or at a rope line. He rarely rewards a supporter, donor or lawmaker with a game of golf, a drink at the White House or a trip to the presidential retreat at Camp David.

Instead, the 44th president of the United States keeps to his close circle of friends and advisers, rarely straying outside those comfortable confines to schmooze at parties, on Capitol Hill or on K Street.

He is, by his own admission, a loner.

Critics — and even some supporters — attribute Obama's failure to achieve all that he promised in nearly four years, first with a Congress controlled by his party and later with a sharply divided one, to his detached personality.

He's been unable to implement permanent tax cuts for the middle class, overhaul the immigration system or significantly reduce the ever-growing budget deficit. His achievements, such as passing a federal health care overhaul and a stimulus package designed to boost the economy, came with little or no Republican support.

Obama isn't one to lobby members of Congress on his proposals. When the government was on the verge of running out of money to pay its bills last year, he took a seat at the table to talk about raising

the debt ceiling. His ally, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., asked him to leave the White House meeting after realizing that congressional leaders would be better off hashing out a deal without him, according to a new book by journalist Bob Woodward.

Privately, Democrats on Capitol Hill grumble that they rarely have heard from Obama since he was sworn into office in January 2009, though publicly they downplay problems.

Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., one of Obama's biggest surrogates in the Hispanic community, acknowledged that other presidents have done more networking over drinks or dinner, but he said he didn't fault Obama for preferring to spend time at home with his family.

"The president decides to read to his daughters, and have dinner with his wife and daughters, instead of maybe go have drinks with senators or House members," he said.

But Obama, who brought together new voters and a new coalition of supporters to achieve his historic election in 2008, has struggled to keep those supporters after four years without any access.

Neera Tanden, former domestic policy director for Obama's campaign who now runs the Center for American Progress, a left-leaning research center in Washington, likened the president's relationship to politics as "Bill Gates without liking

computers" in a recent interview in New York magazine.

"The truth is, Obama doesn't call anyone, and he's not close to almost anyone," she said. "It's stunning that he's in politics, because he really doesn't like people." She later apologized for her bluntness.

The White House and the Obama campaign declined to comment for this story.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said he was "moved" to be invited to the White House three days after Obama's inauguration to meet with the new president and vice president as well as Cabinet members. But, he said, that was the beginning and the end of the White House's attempts to reach out to him. He said he'd been invited to the White House with other senators from time to time, but usually after a decision or policy, such as the health care bill, already had been finalized.

Hatch said he personally liked Obama, but the senator called this administration the "most disrespectful and hostile to Congress" in his nearly four decades in Washington. "I think it's his personality," he said. "You can't do these things without Congress."

There's no reason to think, experts say, that Obama will change in a second term if he's re-elected next month.

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	C-USA		Overall	
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
UCF	4	0	6	2
EAST CAROLINA	4	1	5	4
MARSHALL	2	2	3	5
MEMPHIS	1	3	1	7
UAB	0	4	1	7
SOUTHERN MISS	0	4	0	8

SPORTS

	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
TULSA	5	0	7	1
SMU	3	1	4	4
HOUSTON	3	1	4	4
TULANE	2	2	2	6
RICE	1	4	3	6
UTEP	1	4	2	7



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TOP: The Marshall University football team runs onto the field before the start of the Herd's game against the UCF Knights in front of 22,563 fans. RIGHT: Thundering Herd wide receiver Aaron Dobson looks on after an incomplete pass in Saturdays 54-17 loss to the Knights.

Herd trumped by Knights

By LAKE MOREHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

The cold and rainy environment at Joan C. Edwards Stadium Saturday reflected in many ways the overall performance of the Marshall Thundering Herd.

Marshall suffered the worst loss in the history of Edwards Stadium, 54-17. The Herd allowed the most points ever scored by an opponent in "The Joan."

The defeat marked the third straight home loss for the Thundering Herd. The last time Marshall lost three consecutive home games was under the reins of former head coach Mark Snyder in 2007.

Sophomore quarterback Rakeem Cato

said UCF executed a game plan that Marshall was not expecting.

"We weren't mentally prepared for what they came with," Cato said. "They game-planned very well."

The Herd offense never seemed to find a rhythm beginning from the first drive of the game. Cato and company showed signs of momentum in the 1st quarter, but only managed to come away with a 43-yard field goal by Justin Haig.

With 26 seconds left in the first half, Cato found Antavious Wilson for a 15-yard touchdown reception.

UCF set the tone early with a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Quincy

McDuffie in the first quarter. The Knights never seemed to let off of the gas pedal for the remainder of the game. McDuffie would later return his second kickoff touchdown of the evening in the third quarter for 98 yards.

Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday said UCF earned the victory over his team.

"They're a good football team and they are well-coached," Holliday said. "They came in here and beat us. Defensively, they're a good football team."

UCF tailback Latavius Murray had a field day against the Herd defense, racking up 156 rushing yards and four total touchdowns.

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Giants sweep Tigers, claim second World Series crown in three years

By DAVE VAN DYCK
CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

DETROIT — The San Francisco Giants placed their stake on being the latest dominant team in a sport that has found new pride in parity.

They won their second World Series in three seasons Sunday, completing a sweep of the Tigers with a 4-3, 10-inning victory Sunday night at Comerica Park.

The winning rally came off Phil Coke when DH Ryan Theriot — who won a World Series with the Cardinals last year — singled. He was sacrificed to second by Brandon Crawford and scored on a two-out single by Marco Scutaro.

"He's done a great job for us all year," Bochy said of the reason for DHing Theriot. "He's battled right-handers well and

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SUSAN TRIPP POLLARD/CONTRA COSTA TIMES | MCT

San Francisco Giants fans Melvin Alvarez, of San Francisco, right, and Darian Serrano of South San Francisco, cheer with a broom as the Giants score first against the Detroit Tigers in Game 4 of the 2012 World Series. Giants fans watched the game in Detroit on a Jumbotron television at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco, Sunday.

MU men's basketball to play exhibition game

HERDZONE

Marshall begins its men's basketball season with an exhibition on Monday at 7 p.m. against Bluefield College at Cam Henderson Center.

The Thundering Herd returns three starters and eight letterwinners from last season when it went 21-14 and made an appearance in the NIT for the first time since 1988. Among those returners is junior DeAndre Kane, a Preseason All-Conference USA First Team selection, who led the team with 16.5 points per game. Marshall also returns its leading rebounder, senior forward Dennis Tinnon (10.0 per game).

Tinnon is one of three seniors on the team as forward Robert Goff returns after starting 33 of a possible 35 games last season as does center Nigel Spikes, who became a consistent contributor last season after missing the first six games

due to injury.

Newcomers Kareem Canty, Austin Loop, Tamron Manning, Elijah Pittman and D.D. Scarver will don a Marshall jersey for the first time.

Bluefield College, an NAIA-I program from Bluefield, Va., returns three starters from last season's team which went 19-16 overall and finished third in the Mid-South Conference.

Like the Herd, the Rams also return a senior forward and junior guard. Bluefield is led by last season's conference player of the year Byron Carpenter. The senior center averaged 21.3 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. Junior guard Kearsten Marion averaged 16.7 points along with 3.6 assists.

Tickets for the exhibition are \$5 and all seating is general admission. Tickets can be purchased by going to HerdZone.com or by calling 800-THE-HERD.

Column

Marshall's Tommy Shuler - best wide receiver in college football?

By JEREMY JOHNSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Think for a second - who is the top receiver in college football this year? I will give you a minute.

Is it USC's Marqis Lee? WVU's Tavon Austin? WVU's Stedman Bailey? Baylor's Terrance Williams?

Does Marshall's Tommy Shuler deserve to be in the category?

Well that depends what intangibles you are measuring a wide receiver at. If you are looking at a teams record, then Lee, Austin Bailey and Williams all have that on Shuler. If you are talking preseason

projections, then Shuler ranks below these guys.

Shuler leads college football in receptions with 77 through eight games. The 77 receptions rank 11th all-time for a Thundering Herd wide receiver, one behind Randy Moss's 1996 season. Sitting atop that list is Mike Barber with 106 receptions in the 1987 season. The 5-foot 8-inch, Shuler is averaging 9.63 receptions per-game. With four games remaining on the Herd's schedule, Shuler is on pace to accumulate between 38 and 39 receptions in those game.

Now, I am a journalist and not

strong with math, but if I'm not mistaken that puts Shuler between 115 and 116 receptions for the season, (assuming he stays on pace). Shuler is on pace to eclipse the Herd's all-time receptions record by seasons end. Now assuming Shuler stays on pace and ends up with between 115 and 116 receptions, then it would place him at 10th in single season receptions in college football history. Sitting at the top of that list is Manny Hazard from Houston in 1989 with 142 catches.

Do you still think Shuler does not belong in the discussion for the

nations top receiver?

No?

Still not sold on him yet?

Shuler who was not on the Biletnikoff Award Watch, recognizing the outstanding receiver in college football, has since been added to it. In 1997 Randy Moss brought home the prestigious award for Marshall.

Five Division I football teams have fewer completions as a team than Shuler has by himself. Georgia Tech has 65 completions as a team, Navy with 64, New Mexico with 56, Air Force with 50 and Army with fewer than half of Shuler's receptions with 32.

Shuler has 77 receptions for 737 yards and three touchdowns. His touchdowns are a bit on the low side, but Wes Welker of the New England Patriots does not catch a lot of touchdowns and yet is regarded as one of the most reliable receivers in the NFL. Effort, determination, work ethic, consistency and talent describe Shuler, and his play on the field backs it up.

Shuler may not be the best receiver in college football, but his name does deserve to be thrown into the mix.

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ONLINE POLLS

Who do you think would win a debate, Michelle Obama or Ann Romney?

■ Obama
■ Romney

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Who do you think made the best points in the third Presidential Debate?

■ Obama 48% - 39 votes
■ Romney 52% - 42 votes

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Editorial

Duke has genius idea, names fern genus after Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga: some people love her, some people hate her. Some people dispute that she is a "her." But the bottom line is that she has established herself as a pop culture icon. If that wasn't enough, she recently made her forever mark on the scientific community. Even after the glitter dissipates and long after the meat dress spoils, she will still be able to stake a claim on an entire plant genus.

Now, Gaga did not ask for this glory, she was simply born this way. Researchers at Duke University have taken note of the natural hutzpah of the Lady and chose her as the namesake of the latest genus of ferns.

The Gaga genus has been published in a paper published by Systematic Botany. The genus was recently differentiated from an existing genus on the basis of subtle differences. Within the genus, researchers chose names for two species including "Gaga

germanotta," "Gerrmanotta" being Gaga's real last name and "Gaga monstraparva," which is a tribute to the fans as "Monstra parva" is Latin for the "little monster," the term of endearment Gaga uses for her fans.

The researchers seem pretty gaga for Gaga. And they cannot be blamed, really. The director of the Duke Herbarium, Kathleen Pryer, is quoted as saying, "We often listen to her music while we do our research. We think that her second album, 'Born This Way,' is enormously empowering, especially for disenfranchised people and communities like LGBT, ethnic groups, women — and scientists who study odd ferns."

Gaga truly is an equality opportunity entertainer, with stay power outlasting anyone else in this generation. When it is all said and done, love her or hate her, we will still have fern genus Gaga.

Column

Civic duty can open your eyes

By L.R. SIX
COLUMNIST

For anyone who has ever been picked to assist as an election official—which, in layman's terms, is a poll worker—attending the training class is a prerequisite. If said person is a newcomer to the area, (ahem, please, save the guffaws for later) then finding the way to Booten Creek road without navigational assistance is not wise. For those who have never had the desire to be a poll worker, then by all means, keep on reading. You may not get free coffee out of the deal, but you will find that you take an oath; you raise your right hand, and in declaring your integrity, you symbolize an altruism which desires to be a part of something monumental. An opportunity to validate an axiom is one of the driving factors of humankind consciousness.

Albert Einstein said, "We are all ruled in what we do by our impulses; and these impulses are so organized that our actions in general serve for our self preservation and that of the race." After ninety-two years, our nation has nearly reached the centennial of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. As an autonomous female in 2012, feelings of gratitude can nonchalantly be understated, but they should most certainly, inevitably be demonstrated.

Regardless of one's political proclivities, early voting started yesterday. I found my way to the Cabell County Sherriff's Field Office in Ona this afternoon to do just that; to demonstrate my right and my gratitude.

Within just one hour, sixty people had already cast their ballots. I, being a part of the female persuasion, was the youngest of the women there, and by all means, I am no spring chicken. I watched the women and men from a prior generation and I thought back to their mothers and grandmothers. I thought about the iron-jawed angels alive, breathing and thinking; fighting for my rights one hundred years ago.

Today, I held my head high. I held my head high for them. For those who wish to vote early, days and times are: October 24th through the 26th from 8:30 to 4:30pm; October 27th from 9-5pm; October 29th through November 2nd 8:30-4:30pm, and November 11th from 9-5pm.

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Column

Presidential debates should be dialogues, not football games

By ROBERT C. BORDONE and
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LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Reading the newspapers recently, we've been struck by how similar the presidential debate commentary has been to commentary about "Monday Night Football."

After the matchups in this year's "debate season," political pundits criticized President Obama's "prevent defense" and "two-yard runs up the middle." They talked about how Mitt Romney "spiked the football."

And football wasn't the only sports metaphor invoked in the coverage. On Tuesday, "CBS This Morning's" ticker about the previous night's debate read "Final Face-Off," while ABC's "Good Morning America" heralded the "Final Debate Duel." And the Los Angeles Times headlined with "Obama reverses roles, comes out swinging at Romney in final debate."

Zero-sum, take-no-prisoners sports talk has not just seeped into our political talk; it dominates it. The post-debate discussion, on TV and in our homes, was more likely to focus on which side won the 140-character Tweet fight than on the deeper values, priorities and visions articulated by the candidates.

Voters have been transformed from active citizens to spectators, and the two parties seem happy about it. As Democratic strategist Hilary Rosen told the New York Times: "I think for the base, much of this is theater. We know who we are for, but we need to see great performances because it

helps us spread the word that this is a ticket worth buying."

So are presidential debates forever doomed to be just another excuse to gather friends, family and other partisans around snacks and beer to enjoy the show?

We hope not. Political entertainment does little good for the voters or the country. Despite the troubling dumbing down of our political campaigns and news coverage of them, we believe that at heart most voters still tune in to the debates because they want to understand how the candidates will address the most challenging and important issues of the day.

But form must follow function.

As mediators whose professional lives are devoted to teaching others how to listen more effectively to each other and engage in genuine dialogue, we had high hopes for the second presidential debate's town hall format. We thought it might compel both candidates to respond directly to questions from undecided voters, substituting thoughtful conversation for the kind of hand-to-hand, tit-for-tat jousting of previous debates.

But combat was what the candidates had trained for, and combat was what we got. By the time the first question from an undecided voter had been answered, the citizen/voters in the room had been relegated to mere props in the candidates' epic battle.

On Monday night, when the candidates sat next to each other at a

single table for the last time before the election, there was one more opportunity for a constructive engagement on the issues. But with pre-debate hype framed in win-lose terms and the pressure of endless postgame scorekeeping looming, the candidates were intent on getting in the one-line sound bites they'd almost certainly prepared in advance. Romney accused Obama of making an "apology tour" to the Middle East, a regotat that has experienced a "rising tide of chaos" on Obama's watch. Obama repeatedly accused Romney of inconsistency. "You've been all over the map," he said.

One big problem with setting up the debates as sporting events, with time clocks and winners and losers, is that the ability to "win" such a contest has little to do with the essential qualities for being a successful leader. An effective president needs to be able to engage in dialogue, not argument; to negotiate and persuade rather than browbeat; to listen respectfully and to embrace good ideas from across the political spectrum.

Perhaps next election, we ought to reframe and retile these important national events as "presidential dialogues." Candidates should be asked to model a productive, positive discourse for the American people. Disagreement is a necessary part of political dialogue. But it doesn't have to produce winners and losers.

Thomas Jefferson knew that public exposure to national dialogue might be an effective vaccine against

a concentration of power. To that end, in 1778, he introduced "A Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge." The preamble acknowledged that even the most conscientious of governments gets sucked into power struggles and proposed that the only check was an educated electorate. Jefferson envisioned broader public access to education as a way to "illuminate, as far as practicable, the minds of the people at large." Jefferson believed this education would prepare people to identify perversions of power and engage fully in national conversations about their own individual rights.

Today, it is widely believed that most people have no interest in or attention span for the kind of engagement Jefferson envisioned, that the general population can't understand the complexities of Social Security or the tax code and much prefers sparing matches.

But our appetites are shaped by what we're fed. A "presidential dialogue," modeled on a dinner-table conversation between two neighbors with shared hope for a better community but competing visions for how to achieve it, could bring us closer to the original intention of political debates. Dialogue evokes images of engagement and respect rather than winning, losing and scorekeeping. Such a shift might even change the expectations and tone of the commentary to follow. Dialogues, after all, are neither won nor lost.

Huntington Mall hosts annual costume contest

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The Huntington Mall was dressed up for the holiday as children donned their Halloween costumes for a special trick-or-treat event.

The annual costume contest invited trick-or-treaters ages 12 and under to participate in the contest on Saturday.

Each contestant was given a 30-second introduction and had the chance to walk across the stage to showcase their costumes to the judges.

Contestants that could not walk were carried by a parent.

Three age groups took part in the contests, ages 0-3, 4-6

and 7-11.

Thirty contestants competed this year, which is a significant increase from past years, said a Huntington Mall official.

“We had a lot more than we expected,” Margi MacDuff, Huntington Mall marketing director, said. “This contest is something we do every year and it is always nice to see a large turn out. We are so excited to have this many people taking part in the event.”

Sponsors of the event set up tables around the stage where contestants and mall-goers could find out more information. Zephany Pictures, Cabell County Career and Technology Center and Sephora were sponsors of the

costume contest. These sponsors provided funding for the event.

Each contestant received a gift bag with gifts from donors throughout the mall. Sephora, Big Loafer, Great American Cookies, All Smiles Aboard, The Disney Store and Bow Love Hair Bows provided gifts to give to each of the costume contest participants.

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A participant of the Huntington Mall’s annual costume contest shows off her sheep costume during Saturday’s event.

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Frankenstorm

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Tomblin said the Department of Highways deployed early Monday and will work “24 hours a day” to remove snow from roads.

“We have activated 30 Guard members stationed around the state to be regional eyes and ears for us, to let us know what’s really going on,” Tomblin said. “We’ll have guardspeople in the trucks with highway people, and working along with power companies to make sure we can get the chainsaws in and get the roads open so the power companies can work if we do have the downed power lines.”

Appalachian Power, which

serves more than one million customers in West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee, said in a press release it is preparing for the storm by dispatching 350 workers to the Mountain State from sister companies.

Adkins said the panhandles are also expected to dodge the snow, but should receive three to five inches of rain from the hurricane’s remnants.

“It’s almost looking at a nation’s worth of weather in one state,” Adkins said. “You have high winds, flooding, snow, I could see power outages; there’s any number of things depending on where you are.”

Adkins said the biggest problem the storm could cause is widespread power outages.

He said the heavy wet snow, combined with gusty winds in excess of 60 m.p.h., can cause damage to power lines and structures.

“You’re looking at very heavy, wet snow in those high areas,” Adkins said. “You’re talking about a lot of limbs coming down, and even in the most recent National Weather Service statement, they’re talking about the potential for buildings being damaged due to the weight (of the snow). You’re literally talking about very dense snow that carries a lot of weight on a rooftop.”

As of press time Sunday, all seven county school systems in West Virginia’s eastern panhandle had cancelled classes Monday.

Tomblin said West Virginians should remain calm and prepare for the possibility of multi-day power outages.

“What I would just encourage people to do at this time, since they do have notice and I don’t think there’s any reason to panic, but at the same time, make sure they have food, batteries and supplies that could last at least two days in their homes,” Tomblin said.

Cabell County residents can receive emergency updates from the Cabell County 911 center on Twitter by following @CabellCounty911.

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Romney

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Romney said he was not running Bain when the company was bought. But, he told McClatchy, “I have to tell you, if a business isn’t doing well, sometimes you have to perform surgery.”

History suggests that a Romney White House would put the emphasis on doing what works.

“Getting America on the right track does not require a person who knows all the answers. It requires a person who knows how to get all the answers and to get them done and that’s what good leaders do,” he said.

Supporters point to his success running the 2002 Winter Olympics for clues as to how he would run an operation under ceaseless public scrutiny. Kem Gardner, a friend active in Utah affairs, asked him to take over the scandal-plagued Games.

Romney saw a fresh corporate challenge, ordering a “strategic audit,” where officials talked to everyone involved in the Games. At the end, Romney recalled, “We had a pretty good map of what was right and wrong in the business, of what had to be fixed, and which things were urgent and which were long term.”

Perhaps ironically, since Republicans are vehemently opposed to higher taxes, Romney at the time found that budget-cutting alone would not save the Olympics. “So the answer to our budget problem would have to be new revenues — marketing and sales,” he said.

The Olympics gave Romney a national reputation as an effective fixer, and his political timing was ideal. In Massachusetts that year, nervous Republicans were concerned that Gov. Jane Swift was vulnerable. She left the race and Romney ran as a reasonable, open-minded centrist.

Romney characteristically pursued the campaign like a problem to be solved. “The campaign was a good deal like a turnaround,” he would write. He listed rules: Know why you’re running. Get the right people. And carry out a strategic audit _ “we analyzed the state and its problems.”

By 2006, Romney had a new project: winning the White House. According to a Boston Globe analysis, he logged all or part of 212 days out of state, developing a national network.

Romney quickly found business dealings like those of Bain are more transparent than they used to be in his father’s day, or at least people demand that they should be. The public wants to know more about the company’s inner workings, and Democrats demand to see more Romney tax returns. The Republican Party of his father, which embraced moderates like George Romney, now all but ostracizes them. The father’s off-the-cuff manner,

which scuttled his presidential bid in 1967, is even more of a liability in this 24/7 media age.

So Mitt Romney characteristically adjusted. He had run for governor as a supporter of the state’s abortion rights law. But at a 2006 lunch that year with national reporters in Washington, he said he was “firmly pro-life” and “in a different place than I was 12 years ago.”

Romney lost the 2008 nomination to Arizona Sen. John McCain. This year, he made sure he wouldn’t be outflanked on the right.

He became more cautious and more conservative. He advocated “self-deportation” for illegal immigrants. In June, after securing the nomination, he took no position on Obama’s new directive allowing many younger immigrants to remain in the country.

If he returned to Romney Classic in the White House, he likely would embrace Washington’s power players in search of a deal.

At the first presidential debate, Romney insisted he would be able to work across the aisle in Washington — unlike Obama — the same way he said he did in left-leaning Massachusetts. “I like the fact that in my state, we had Republicans and

Democrats come together and work together,” he said. When he signed the state’s health law in 2006, among those present was Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., whom Romney called a friend.

Democratic lawmakers in Massachusetts, however, said Romney took an all-business approach and showed little interest in getting to know them, reserving an elevator in the state House of Representatives for the governor by blocking it with a red rope.

New presidents tend to have honeymoon periods where the other party bows to the mandate and gives the new leader some of what he wants. George W. Bush got his huge tax cut with Democratic support in 2001. Bill Clinton got the Family Medical Leave Act approved in 1993 with Republican support.

Obama has had a rougher time; his signature proposals, the economic stimulus and health care, passed with virtually no Republican support.

History suggests Romney would at least try to follow the early Bush and Clinton models. Recent history suggests he’ll have a difficult time. But his people skills, and his ability to analyze, at least say he’d have a plan for getting things done.

World Series

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he’s an experienced veteran. He finds a way to get the bat on the ball.”

The Giants again used their pitching to win, just like they did in 2010.

“I think it’s close (to 2010) with how these pitchers are throwing, the quality starts, the bullpen,” Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. “This time of year you need your pitching to come through for you. . . .

“When you’re playing the clubs you play in postseason, you have to execute. You have to make your pitches. And these guys have been consistent doing it.”

The Giants took a 1-0 lead off Max Scherzer in the top of the second inning when Hunter Pence doubled and scored on Brandon Belt’s triple. It was his first hit of the Series after starting 0-for-10.

The Tigers came back in the top of the third with a pair of runs when Austin Jackson walked and Miguel Cabrera lofted a ball to right field that rode a gust of wind and landed just over the fence.

It was the first lead change

in 75 innings in any postseason game. The last was in Game 3 of the NLCS.

It was also the first time the Tigers had scored a run after a 20-inning drought and the first time the Giants had not led any game in 56 innings.

The teams then traded home runs, with Buster Posey’s two-run sixth-inning shot — just inside the left-field foul pole — giving the Giants a 3-2 lead before Delmon Young’s solo shot in the bottom of the inning tied the game.

Scherzer left the game with one out and a runner on base in the seventh. Relievers Drew Smyly and Octavio Dotel got out without a run.

Scherzer walked only one and struck out eight while allowing seven hits.

Giants starter Matt Cain, trying to become only the third pitcher to win the clinching game in all three postseason series, also received a no-decision, although he allowed only five hits in seven innings.

The pitchers who have accomplished that feat were the Yankees’ Andy Pettitte in 2009 and the Red Sox’s Derek Lowe in 2004.

Recap

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The Herd ran 98 plays on offense, 36 more than UCF. The Knights totaled 568 yards of offense, while Marshall registered just 364, its lowest of the season.

Junior tight end Gator Hoskins said a cause for the defeat came from self-inflicting miscues.

“We stopped ourselves,” Hoskins said. “After a loss like this, the only thing we know how to do is just go back to work.”

Marshall receivers tallied

a season high eight dropped passes on the evening.

Cato said the dropped balls by the receivers are just a part of the game.

“They’ve (receivers) been making great plays all year; spectacular catches,” Cato said. “They’re human. I don’t blame any of them because I know I throw plenty of bad balls.”

Marshall takes on the Memphis Tigers Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

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Obama

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In his autobiography, “Dreams from My Father,” Obama said he saw other people as an “unnecessary distraction” and that even as a young man he avoided groups.

He was raised in the United States and Indonesia by his mother and his grandparents after his father moved away and his parents divorced.

“If the talk began to wander, or cross the border into familiarity,

I would soon find reason to excuse myself,” he wrote. “I had grown too comfortable in my solitude, the safest place I knew.”

In Washington, Obama mostly avoids parties and restaurants, except for occasional date nights with his wife or, recently, small dinners with campaign volunteers and contest winners. He hasn’t joined a church, though several tried to woo the first family. He relaxes by playing golf, but usually with the same young aides.

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Majestic Keith-Albee Theater remains in the hearts of Marshall students

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Mounted on the streets of Fourth Avenue stands a building whose appearance alone gains the respect of all who pass by.

A building that was once created to be a magnificent vaudeville theater for the people of Huntington continues to stand as a pivotal historic symbol.

Right in the middle of downtown Huntington stands a vertical sign that reads, “Keith Albee.”

Brothers A.B. and S.J. Hyman began the construction of the majestic theater in 1926.

Two years later, under the architectural design of Scottish native, Thomas W. Lamb, the theater opened to the public in May 1928.

Opening day brought in a full house of 3,000 patrons and admission was around 50 cents per person.

Named after one of the leading vaudeville chains of the time, the Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp., Huntington’s Keith-Albee remains intact to date with exceptions to small renovations throughout the years.

Lamb designed the Keith-Albee in such a way to duplicate a 1920 Mexican Baroque design, and it cost \$2 million to build.

Today, constructing a building like the Keith-Albee would cost around \$20 million.

Every intricate detail mirrors the style, from the framework of the building, to the plasterwork, up the stairs to the balcony and down to the bathrooms.

The bathrooms were the perfect example of that era’s style. With multiple gathering areas in each bathroom, today’s society would find it to be a waste of space.

However, those additional rooms had such a grand design and purpose for the 1920s.

There was a cosmetic room for the women with large mirrors and a place to sit to fix their makeup before they viewed the show.

In a time when everyone smoked, the men and the women’s bathrooms had a smoking area in addition to a fireplace.

The Keith-Albee was originally created to be a vaudeville theater, meaning its large stage would hold theatrical entertainment with a number of individual performances and acts ranging from comedians to acrobats to magicians.

A Wurlitzer organ, capable of creating a large variety of sounds, was installed to assist in live performances.

Once the appeal of live music had declined, the original organ was sold in the 1950s.

The Keith-Albee has endured many challenges throughout the years, including the 1937 Huntington flood. Although the flood caused \$17 million in damages, the theater survived.

The 1960s and the 1970s were a time of change in the motion picture industry, and traditional vaudeville theaters became obsolete.

Facing competition from surround-sound cinema multi-plexes that were becoming popular, the Hyman family chose to transform the single-stage Keith-Albee into a three-screen movie theater.

Another theater was later added in a retail space, equaling four theaters in the great Keith-Albee.

The theater hosted a pre-screening benefit for the movie Rainman in 1988 in which actor Dustin Hoffman and director Barry Levinson attended.

In January 2006, the Keith-Albee closed as a movie theater.

The Hyman family donated the building to the Marshall University Foundation, which

passed it on to what is now known as the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center Foundation.

The Hyman family owned and operated the theater for nearly 80 years before handing the keys to Marshall.

In 1990, the Marshall University Foundation entered a 99 year lease on the building and began renovations.

Huntington native Robert Edmunds and his Huntington Theater Organ Project purchased a 1927 Wurlitzer organ and reinstalled it in the theater in 2001.

The year 2006 brought Huntington and Marshall to the national media’s attention.

“We Are Marshall” made its world premier in the historic Keith-Albee Theater on December 12, 2006.

The theater has had a tremendous impact on Marshall students.

Josh Meredith, senior theater performance major, said performing in the Keith-Albee is a uniquely beautiful experience.

“I love performing at the Keith-Albee because I can feel its history. Walking on-stage and offstage, you think of everyone who has also performed on that stage and the whole place practically breathes with their spirits. The backstage area is like a museum. All the décor and fixtures are as they have always been. It is really beautiful,” Meredith said.

Meredith performed on the Keith-Albee stage for the first time in 2007 and said the chance to perform there was a once in a lifetime experience.

“The Keith-Albee is a beautiful place. It’s one of only a handful of the old, grandiose vaudeville theaters of its type remaining,” Meredith said. “So to have that history is really exciting, and it’s one of the places I treasure most in Huntington.”



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TOP: The Keith-Albee Theater is located on Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street. LEFT: The theater has been open since 1928. RIGHT: The Keith-Albee Theater box office sits in front of the theater doors.

Kati Holland, Marshall graduate, said the Keith-Albee is a prominent fixture of her childhood.

“Each adventure at the Keith-Albee is unique and memorable. Of course, the ambiance is like no other. It’s

almost as if you would feel royal once you sat down in the theater,” Holland said. “Sure, it’s a little older, but the grand stage, the cathedral ceilings, and the unique lighting and architecture is quite majestic.”

With the development of

Pullman Square stealing the popularity of the Keith-Albee, when the marquee lights up, Huntington’s historic Fourth Avenue becomes alive.

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